

**Emergency Telephone Service Committee**  
**Policy Subcommittee Meeting**  
December 6, 2005

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order.

The policy Subcommittee meeting of the ETSC was called to order by telephone conference call at 9:00 a.m. by Dale Berry, Chair. Those in attendance were Dale Berry, Marsha Bianconi, James Fyvie, and John Hunt.

2. Call to the Public.

There were no issues raised by the public.

3. Endorsements and Sponsorships.

The Subcommittee was charged by the ETSC with the development of a draft policy on Endorsements and Sponsorships. There has been some concern raised that presenters at conferences and training sessions may be referring to the ETSC in their verbal and written comments, and that participants may receive an impression that the ETSC supports the speaker's opinions.

There was a general discussion about endorsements. Marsha Bianconi explained that it would be a bad precedent to have the ETSC endorse any one vendor over another. The group agreed with Marsha's position and this will be incorporated into our recommendation to the ETSC.

Jim Fyvie explained that the ETSC does provide sponsorship of events, or approves training funds for agencies and personnel to attend conferences and training events. The group felt that it was important that the ETSC policy reflect that individual speaker opinions are not the policy of the ETSC.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by FYVIE, supported by HUNT, to recommend that the following policy be adopted by the ETSC at their next meeting:

"Policy F – Endorsements and Sponsorships

The Emergency Telephone Service Committee (ETSC) does not endorse products or educational events.

The ETSC may choose to directly sponsor educational events. In this situation, the event organizers and speakers must disclose in writing to attendees that the event is sponsored by the ETSC but that the opinions

expressed by the presenters are not necessarily the opinion of the ETSC. Direct sponsorship of an event must be approved by a vote of the ETSC.

The ETSC may, from time to time, provide funding for individual participants or agencies to attend educational events which are not sponsored or endorsed by the ETSC. Funding in this situation does not imply that the program is endorsed or sponsored by the ETSC, nor are the views expressed by the organizers and presenters at these events the view of the ETSC.”

4. Adjournment.

It was MOVED by BIANCONI, supported by HUNT to adjourn. The motion was APPROVED and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale J. Berry  
Chair